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TAGS CASC (ANDERSON, RONALD JAMES), CA

SUBJ RETURN TO CANADA OF US ARMY DESERTER

REF OTTAWA 2796

1. RONALD ANDERSON CROSSED BORDER AT BLAINE INTO CANADA
EARLY EVENING AUGUST 30 IN COMPANY CANADIAN CONSUL (SEATTLE)
RAY ANDERSON. RONALD ANDERSON TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER RETURN TO CANADA
THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL TREATED AT FORT LEWIS, THAT HE WOULD
NEVER ATTEMPT TO REENTER US, THAT ANY AMNESTY WAS MATTER FOR
USG, AND THAT HE DID NOT REGRET HIS DESERTION IN 1968 AND
SETTLEMENT IN CANADA.

2. PUBLIC AND PRESS REFERENCES TO CASE SINCE HIS RETURN HAVE
FOCUSED ON BINATIONAL COOPERATION IN MATTER AND RAPID AND
HONORABLE ACTION OF USG. LATE AUGUST 30, EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY
RITCHIE TELEPHONED CHARGE ON BEHALF EXTAFF MINISTER TO EXPRESS
GOC APPRECIATION FOR USG RESPONSE (TO NOTE OF SAME DAY) WHICH
HE DESCRIBED AS EXEMPLARY OF FINEST COOPERATIVE SPIRIT HE
HAD COME TO EXPECT AND RESPECT.

3. EMBASSY ADDS ITS GRATITUDE TO ALL USG AGENCIES CONCERNED
FOR THEIR SPEEDY AND HELPFUL ACTIONS IN CASE WHICH HAVE
REDOUNDED TO OUR BENEFIT AND CREDIT ACROSS CANADA.
JOHNSON

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